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1. Sam Crosby telephoned today to advise of the possibility that the Agency would not be requested to appear on the 19th before Mahon's Subcommittee. *(Crosby suggested that the House Armed Services Committee might be interested in the Agency's activities.)* Mr. Crosby explained that there were certain problems in connection with organization of the Committee and Subcommittees. Other possible dates were discussed but the matter was left that the 19th would stand until further notice with a possibility that the appearance would have to be cancelled.

2. Mr. Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, telephoned suggesting 11 o'clock on 16 January 1959 for the briefing which the Director had suggested to Senator Russell in a telephone conversation. Mr. Darden indicated that Senator Russell was not quite sure what the briefing was to cover and Darden assumed that we wished to conduct the briefing on Agency activities referred to in the DCF's letter to Senator Russell which the Legislative Counsel had previously discussed with him. Mr. Darden was advised that this was not the case, that the Director wished to brief Senator Russell's Subcommittee on Soviet military posture and the world situation generally. Mr. Darden thanked me for this information since it would assist him in preparing a brief opening statement for Senator Russell. Mr. Darden advised that he intended to send out notices of the meeting of the Subcommittee in accord with normal procedures for that Committee. Mr. Darden advised that Senator Russell planned to invite Senator Hayden to sit in on the briefing. The nature and time of the briefing was confirmed with the Director and Mr. Darden advised.

3. Legislative Counsel was an observer at the briefing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee by the Secretary of State. The Secretary's prepared statement and other notes have been made available to the DD/I. Captain Gray (USN) from DOD who was present as an observer indicated that General Twining's prepared statement would be made available to the Agency. See Memorandum for the Record for full details.